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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL

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1. DURING COURSE OF CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL HERE APRIL 21-23, TWO FRENCH PARTICIPANTS, FRANCOIS PONCHAUD AND JEAN LACOUTURE, REPEATEDLY RAISED QUESTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US FOR PRESENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. OTHER PARTICIPANTS, NOTABLY THE NORWEGIANS, ATTEMPTED WITH GENERAL SUCCESS TO REBUT AND TAMP DOWN EFFORTS BY PONCHAUD AND LACOUTURE. HOWEVER, AT READING OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON CAMBODIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, PONCHAUD AND LACOUTURE WALKED OUT OF HEARINGS, RETURNING 10 MINUTES LATER AT BEHEST OF TRIBUNAL SPONSORS. NORWEGIAN PARTICIPANTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE POINT TO EMBOFFS AND TO PRESS THAT PURPOSE OF TRIBUNAL WAS TO ILLUMINATE FACTS, NOT TO DISTRIBUTE RESPONSIBILITY AND CERTAINLY NOT TO INTERJECT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, THESE OBJECTIVES WERE LARGELY ACHIEVED. NEITHER PRESS NOR OBSERVERS UNDERSCORED POINT MENTIONED REFTTEL OF ALLEGED AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY AND IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT A MAJOR FOCAL
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POINT DURING THE HEARINGS.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION (WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE OSLO PROCEEDINGS) WAS READ AT THE HEARING. IT WAS WARMLY RECEIVED AND HAS BEEN CITED SUBSEQUENTLY HERE AS AN INDICATION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S DEEPLY HELD COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. THE CAMBODIA TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE IS IN THE PROCESS OF
COLLATING AND TRANSLATING RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY
PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE, INTER ALIA, TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE. WE WILL FORWARD COPIES AS SOON AS THEY ARE
AVAILABLE. THE EMBASSY IS PREPARING A FINAL ANALYSIS OF THE
TRIBUNAL (SEE OSLO'S 1667 FOR INITIAL REACTION).
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